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SUBJECT: HONG KONG COMMUNIST PAPER ON THE KOREAN SITUATION

1. MARKING THE FIRST ASSESSMENT OF RECENT KOREAN DEVELOPMENTS, A COMMENTARY IN A PRC-OWNED PAPER IN HONG KONG ACKNOWLEDGES THAT TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA HAVE INCREASED. THE AUGUST 12 WEN WEI PAO COMMENTARY TAKES NOTE OF DPRK ACCUSATIONS OF U.S.-ROK WAR PREPARATIONS AND RECENT INCIDENTS ALONG THE DMZ, BUT DECLARES ONLY THAT THE KOREAN SITUATION "DESERVES ATTENTION." WITHOUT SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE RECENT DPRK STATEMENT OR MEMORANDUM, IT MAINTAINS THAT U.S.-ROK WAR PREPARATIONS ALONG THE DMZ HAVE CREATED A SITUATION WHEREIN WAR COULD BREAK OUT AT ANY TIME.

2. THE ARTICLE REPEATS THE STANDARD PRC LINE THAT THE ONLY WAY TO EASE TENSIONS AND ELIMINATE THE THREAT OF WAR
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IN KOREA IS FOR THE U.S. TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE

DPRK'S THREE PRINCIPLES AND CARRY OUT THE 30TH UNGA
ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION WHICH, IT WAS CLAIMED, WOULD PERMIT
THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA.

3. THE COMMENTARY FAILS TO INCLUDE EVEN THE MOST ROUTINE
STATEMENT OF CHINESE SUPPORT FOR THE DPRK AND THE KOREAN
PEOPLE. ACCORDING TO THE COMMENTARY, SHOULD THE U.S.-PAK
CLIQUE CONTINUE THEIR ACTIONS, THE CONSEQUENCE WILL BE THE
INCURRING OF INCREASING AND STRONG (PUBLIC) CENSURE.
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